



**U.S. Citizenship  
and Immigration  
Services**

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Taylor Scott Amarel  
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411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Taylor Scott Amarel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request received in this office November 14, 2017 regarding emails pertaining to [dhsexecsec@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:dhsexecsec@hq.dhs.gov) or [uscis.immigrantinvestorprogram.uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:uscis.immigrantinvestorprogram.uscis.dhs.gov) with following string "Everglow."

We have completed the review of all documents and have identified 100 pages that are responsive to your request. Enclosed are 79 pages released in their entirety and 21 pages released in part. We have reviewed and have determined to release all information except those portions that are exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4) and (b)(6) of the FOIA.

Exemption (b)(4) protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of unit pricing, business sales statistics; research data; technical designs; customer and supplier lists; profit and loss data; overhead and operating costs; and information on financial condition.

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all information about individuals in personnel, medical and similar files where the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld may consist of birth certificates, naturalization certificates, drivers' licenses, social security numbers, home addresses, dates of birth, or various other documents and/or information belonging to a third party that are considered personal.

As a matter of administrative discretion, we are releasing computer codes found on system screen prints previously withheld under exemption b(2). There may be additional documents that contain discretionary releases of exempt information. We will identify discretionary releases within the record. These discretionary releases do not waive our ability to invoke applicable FOIA exemptions for similar or related information in the future.

The enclosed record consists of the best reproducible copies available. Certain pages may contain marks that appear to be blacked-out information. Such black marks would have been present prior to our receipt of the file and are not information we have withheld under the provisions of the FOIA or PA.

You have the right to file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. You may file an administrative FOIA appeal to USCIS at: USCIS

FOIA/PA Appeals Office, 150 Space Center Loop, Suite 500, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-2139. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

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If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Jill Eggleston, for assistance at:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
National Records Center, FOIA/PA Office  
P. O. Box 648010  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8010  
Telephone: 1-800-375-5283  
Email: [FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov)

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal Agencies. The OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
877-684-6448  
Email: [OGIS@NARA.GOV](mailto:OGIS@NARA.GOV)  
Website: [OGIS.ARCHIVES.GOV](http://OGIS.ARCHIVES.GOV)

The National Records Center does not process petitions, applications or any other type of benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act. If you have questions or wish to submit documentation relating to a matter pending with the bureau, you must address these issues with your nearest District Office.

All FOIA/PA related requests, including address changes, must be submitted in writing and be signed by the requester. Please include the control number listed above on all correspondence with this office. Requests may be mailed to the FOIA/PA Officer at the PO Box listed at the top of the letterhead, emailed to [USCIS.FOIA@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCIS.FOIA@uscis.dhs.gov), or sent by fax to (816) 350-5785. You may also submit FOIA/PA related questions to our email address at [FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:FOIAPAQuestions@uscis.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill A. Eggleston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" and last name "Eggleston" clearly distinguishable.

Jill A. Eggleston  
Director, FOIA Operations

Enclosure(s)